

courage alone, in which women, trained or untrained, are rarely found wanting, but discipline, order, precision, without which the patients could not have been removed in the few minutes available before the roof fell.

The Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League are organising a sale of work in order to raise by their own efforts, and those of their friends, a sum of money to be added to the emergency fund to which members of the League subscribe, in order to be able to help their fellow members in any sudden trouble or distress which may overtake them. The Emergency Fund was started almost as soon as the League was formed, but so many of the members have been laid aside by illness that its slender resources have been heavily taxed. The sale will take place at the Havergal Hall on February 16th next, and Miss Forrest, Victoria Nurses' Home, 4, Cambridge Road, Bournemouth, will gladly receive contributions for sale. Miss F. H. Walker is the Chairman of the Organising Committee, and Sister Dobbin Secretary.

The Nurses' Home of the Exeter District Nursing Association, 22, Dix's Field, Exeter, which is in affiliation with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses was opened recently by the Right Worshipful the Mayor, Mr. Henry Wippell. The work is to be conducted on a provident basis, and we are glad to record that the Mayor emphasised the fact that the nurses who have been appointed are fully qualified Queen's nurses. The Superintendent is Miss Alice Watson, and she will be assisted by Miss A. S. Barnett and Miss A. K. Baubhurst. Dr. Davy congratulated the Mayor and Mayoress on the opening of the Home, which, he said, was their idea, and Mr. H. E. Duke, M.P., said that a wonderful work had been started under the best possible auspices.

In an address on the Super-Nurse delivered by Dr. Pearce-Bailey to the graduating class of the Cockran Training School for Nurses, Yonkers, N.Y., he urged them to cultivate the spirit of optimism. "Hold high the torch of hope for yourself and others. Encouragement has a higher percentage of cures to its credit than serum therapy, and cheerfulness has prevented more disease than antiseptics. Optimism is a pride in our accomplishments which justifies confidence in our future." It is this spirit which has inspired the leaders of the registration policy all these years.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King and Queen have become patrons of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Nice, and the King has become patron of the Royal National Sanatorium for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Bournemouth.

Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, will open the Wandsworth new Infirmary on November 26th.

At the annual dinner of the old students of St. Thomas's Hospital, the Treasurer, Mr. Wainwright, said that during the last 20 years five empty wards had been filled, two children's wards had been added, and a debt of about £40,000 had been wiped out. That day a new maternity ward had been opened. They were troubled by the very unsatisfactory condition of the out-patient department, which stood as it did in 1871. Since then all the other departments had been reorganised and amplified. To make that department as it should be a sum of about £40,000 would be required.

In connection with the Town Planning Conference, which opened on Monday, an extensive international exhibition has been arranged at the Royal Academy, and will be on view till October 22nd.

Lady Curzon-Howe, who was accompanied by Admiral the Hon. Sir A. Curzon-Howe, Commander-in-Chief, recently opened the Nurses' Home at the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea, and Gosport Hospital. The home, which forms the Portsmouth memorial to King Edward, provides accommodation for 53 nurses.

The treasurer of the Royal Halifax Infirmary has received from an anonymous donor £1,000 for the endowment of an adult bed. At a recent meeting of the Board of Management £1,000 was fixed as the sum for the endowment of a bed or cot in any of the wards, and the gift just received is the first that has been made for the special endowment of an adult bed.

The magnificent improvement that has just been completed by the City of Westminster in the lighting of all the streets in the neighbourhood of Kensington Road is being generally commented upon by the residents of that district on their return to town. The road from Knightsbridge Barracks to Queen's Gate is now so beautifully and evenly lighted, with an entire absence of glare, that it may well be described as one of the best lit streets in the world. The lighting is being done by inverted incandescent gas burners, the tender of the electric light companies having been 60 per cent. higher than that of the Gas Light and Coke Company, who are carrying out the work.

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